Kashmiri Militants hiding in POK

4046. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV RAVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that '20 thousand Kashmiri militants hiding in Pak-Kashmir' as reported in the Assam Tribune dated 7-6-93;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) It is not possible to State the precise number of such persons, although the Security forces are maintaining enhanced surveillance to thwart the continued attempts at infiltration of terrorists trained and supported by Pakistan, with sanctuaries all along the International Border and LOC, including POK.

Fire incidents in Delhi

4047. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many fire accidents took place in Jhuggi-Jhopri Clusters in the Union Territory of Delhi during the period 1st January, 1991 to 15th July, 1993;

(b) how many lives were lost in those incidents and what was the estimated loss due to damage to property;

(c) whether any enquiries were conducted to determine the causes of the fire incidents; if so, what were the results of those enquiries; and

(d) what measures have been taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) According to the Delhi Administration 436 fire accidents in Jhuggi-Jhopri Clusters were reported to the Delhi Fire Service during the period from 1st January to 15th July, 1993.

(b) In these fire incidents, 58 persons lost their lives and the estimated loss of property was Rs. 2.17 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) (i) For creating awareness amongst the residents of Jhuggi-Jhopri colonies with regard to fire safety, the Delhi Fire Service has distributed pamphlets containing fire preventive instructions.

(ii) The Delhi Fire Service arranged demonstration regarding fire safety measures at 5 different JJ clusters during the Fire Service Week held from 14th to 20th April, 93 in the Union Territory of Delhi.

Demand for a separate State called Uttaranchal

4048. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to meet the demand of a separate State called the Uttaranchal; and

(b) when a new legislation is proposed to be brought to meet the aspirations of the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) After a preliminary examination of the proposal received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, the State Government requested to furnish information about the financial profile of the eight hill districts concerned. The State Government, however, expressed their inability to provide the same. The State Government has been informed that the matter cannot be considered further until the requisite information is supplied.

(b) There is no such proposal and no time limit can be indicated in this regard.

Number of People intruded from Pakistan

4049. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times people from Pakistan intruded in the Indian territory of Kashmir valley;

(b) the number of people apprehended and pushed back each time, also number of persons injured or dead in such intrusions;

(c) whether Government are considering any steps of permanent nature to check such intrusions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?